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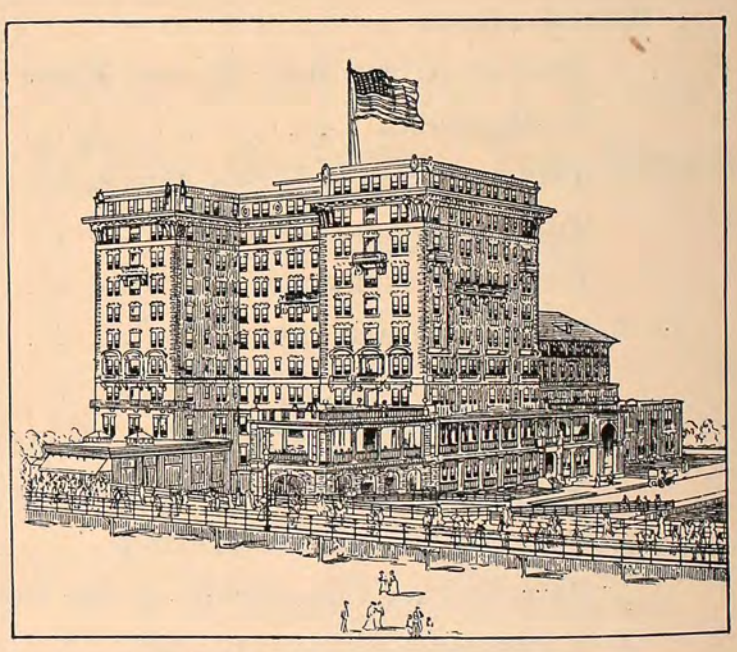

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Need of Meeting the Moral Dangers Incident to Army and Navy Camps and Stations

Undoubtedly one of the greatest dangers incident to the mobilization of an army and the concentration of many men in the naval establishments of the country is the accompanying moral laxity which almost always prevails.

In England the problem has become a very serious one, in fact so much so, that both the Church and the State have finally been driven to as effective action as possible to safeguard their men.

In this as in other matters relative to maintaining military effectiveness it would seem that our authorities and our churches are called upon to profit by England's experience without having to go through the same troubles and difficulties, and so, in order to arouse public sentiment to meet this danger, the Social Service Commission at its meeting held on April 18th adopted the following resolution which it herewith brings to the attention of the Diocese.

"*Resolved*, That this Commission, realizing the great temptations to which large numbers of men are subjected when congregated in camps and other military establishments, call upon the President of the United States and the military and naval authorities to use the most drastic means of protecting the soldiers and sailors from the evil influences which will inevitably surround them in these training camps and stations; also

Resolved, That this Commission earnestly urges the parochial authorities of those parishes in which such camps or stations may be placed, to do all in their power to provide healthful and elevating places of resort and recreation for all whom they can reach."

The authorities at Washington and the Mayor and other officials have been sent a copy of this resolution and their attention urgently called to it. The Commission particularly hopes that the paragraph relating to the opportunities of the churches may meet with gratifying response. This situation particularly applies to Philadelphia for we have at our doors one of the largest naval stations in the country and League Island is at present overcrowded with men.

If any parish or individual desires to aid in this matter or to find out in what way they may be of service, they should communicate directly with the City Mission War Emergency Bureau, notice of which appears in another place. This Bureau was organized to put the Church directly in touch with opportunities for service.

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Standing Orders of the Convention

The Committee on Dispatch of Business would like to call the attention of the members of the Diocesan Convention to two portions of the Standing Rules of Order.

Section II. The order of business shall be as follows:

5. The introduction of resolutions. . . . . Resolutions not properly referable to any existing Committee to be referred to the Committee on Dispatch of Business, to report a time for consideration.

Section V. General Provisions.

4. Any member of the Convention may, in advance of its meeting, file with the Secretary of the Convention any resolutions that he may desire to offer. The Secretary shall forward to the Committee on Dispatch of Business any such resolutions, and the said Committee shall report a time for consideration.

The filing of resolutions before the meeting of the Convention is left to the option of the proposer. It would, however, help the Committee on Dispatch of Business if resolutions were filed. And it would secure for some important resolutions a more favorable opportunity and longer time for discussion. Last year a number of resolutions came in in the early afternoon of the last day, and with the best intentions in the world the Committee was not able to do more than put them at the end of a program already overcrowded.

The Committee, therefore, asks the assistance of

those who mean to offer resolutions, that it may give to their resolutions a fair place and at the same time fulfil its office of expediting the business of the Convention.

Committee on Dispatch of Business.
GILBERT PUNKER,
Secretary.

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The Secretary of the Convention requests that Deputies' Certificates be sent in as soon after the Easter election as possible.

He would remind all that nominations for the Standing Committee, Deputies to the Provincial Synod, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, Trustees of the Diocese must be made not later than April 24th. That each Clerical Member and each Lay Deputy is entitled to vote on the preliminary ballot.

That reports of Officers, Boards, Trustees, Institutions must be filed with the Secretary not later than April 24th.

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City Mission War Emergency Bureau

The Bishop and the Social Service Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have asked the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission to install a Bureau of Information, Organization and Distribution for the use of churches, social organizations and private individuals during the war. It is important that churches and parishes especially make use of this City Mission Bureau as the channel for such work in order to focus the church's available resources as to be of utmost community value.

For quick service, call up the City Mission War Emergency Bureau, Lombard 1824.

MINUTE TO THE REV. ROYDEN KEITH YERKES, S.T.D. SOMETIME RECTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

WHEREAS, The Rev. Royden Keith Yerkes, Doctor of Sacred Theology, has served the Church of the Transfiguration, West Philadelphia, during the past three or more years, with faithfulness and distinguished ability, and that the Wardens and Vestrymen have observed with great satisfaction during Dr. Yerkes' Rectorship, the constant recognition of his high attainments as a student in Biblical learning and languages by the authorities of the Divinity School, and the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Through the demands made upon his time and energies by the important position he holds, Dr. Yerkes has asked this Vestry to release him from all the cares and duties as Rector and to that end did on the 14th day of February present his resignation as our Minister:

Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish of the Transfiguration herewith record on behalf of ourselves and the congregation the sincere regret with which Dr. Yerkes' resignation has been accepted; also

Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of the work Dr. Yerkes has done in the reconstruction of the parish's life and of the accomplished facts due to his beneficial administration; and further be it

Resolved, That we herewith express our appreciation of the honor the parish has enjoyed in having a Priest as our Rector who has so commended himself for his learning as to have been chosen to an important position on the faculty of the Divinity School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions be sent to the Rev. Royden Keith Yerkes, S.T.D., as the recorded expression of the esteem in which he is held by the officers and members of the Church of the Transfiguration, and to wish him God's speed in his larger work.

Adopted at the meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen held Wednesday evening, March 14, 1917.

CHARLES J. ZEISS,
GEORGE WATSON,
Wardens.
JOHN E. DOUGHERTY,
Secretary,
Vestry.

The following resolutions, passed by the vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Pa., may be of interest:

First. "We pledge our united support to Government, by our Prayers, our Persons, and our Property, that the cause of Righteousness and Liberty may triumph, and Christian Amity be restored."

Second. "The Parish House and all facilities of the Church are placed at disposal of Government as needed."

Third. "In event of our Rector, the Rev. John Mills Gilbert, being called to serve with the Colors, as Chaplain, this Church will, during the war, and not exceeding one year from 1st May, 1917 (except by further resolutions), continue payments in his behalf to Church Pension Fund and during said period pay him any difference between present salary, and any pay or allowances to be made him by Government."

LAWRENCE J. MORRIS,
Secretary.

The vacancy in the Standing Committee of the diocese created by the death of the late Rev. Charles M. Armstrong has temporarily been filled by the selection of the Rev. L. M. Robinson, D.D., of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Ryerss Bawn

On December 18, 1916, at the Memorial Hospital, Peking, China, Mrs. Mary Ryerss Bawn, passed into life eternal, after a brief illness, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Bawn was widely known in the Diocese of Pennsylvania for her many gifts to the Church and other benefactions without number. As the widow of Robert Waln Ryerss, she was possessed of large means, in the use of which she ever exercised the greatest liberality and fidelity.

The beautiful Gothic Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, was erected by her as a memorial to Mr. Ryerss, and by her will provision is made for an addition thereto of a memorial baptistry, etc.

To the Diocese of Pennsylvania a bequest is made of a plot of ground at Cheltenham, with ample means for the erection thereon of a substantial stone church building.

And under her will a trust fund is created for the benefit of the Lebanon Hospital for the Insane, near Beyroot, Syria, where some years ago she erected a memorial ward.

Her interest in Foreign Missions during her life led her to give liberally to that cause, and in the support and education abroad of a number of children. And the welfare of the little ones nearer home she remembered by a liberal bequest to the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia. Mrs. Bawn ever delighted in making personal gifts. One of her last on earth was a provision for the comfort of Miss Sibson, who nursed her in her last illness at Peking, to whom but a few months previously she had given the necessary equipment for a missionary's work.

Mrs. Bawn's journey to the Orient, in company of her husband, the Rev. Dr. Bawn, was for the purpose of gathering rare and curious articles to be presented to the City of Philadelphia and to be added to the collection already established in her old home, "Burholme," the country seat of the Ryerss family, near Fox Chase.

In this property she had a life interest, but twelve years ago voluntarily vacated it, turning it over to the city, with many family heirlooms, a valuable library and a fine collection of curios of her own gathering from abroad—that the public might at once enter into and enjoy the benefits provided under the will of Mr. Ryerss, the mansion to be used as a public library, reading-room and museum, together with the spacious and beautiful acreage surrounding it, now called Burholme Park, which has become one of the beauty spots of the city, where thousands of persons old and young during the summer find recreation and delight.

Mrs. Bawn had a cultivated taste, and her selection of what was rare and unusual in art objects is seen in her museum collection. In her nature she was distinctly social, enjoying contact with a large circle of friends and acquaintances, always welcomed by them for her interesting conversational powers, her wit and humor and for her genial, kindly presence. A woman of simple, unassuming manners, friendly, approachable, and her hospitality unbounded; the uppermost desire of her heart was always to bring happiness wherever she went.

Hers was a fine bright influence, whether as an earnest Churchwoman, a loyal, generous friend or a liberal benefactor; she will be missed by many, especially by the poor and needy.

The funeral services were held from her late residence at "Ryerss," and from the Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, on February 24th, the Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., the Rev. J. B. Harding and the Rev. F. H. Argo, the rector, officiating, others of the clergy being present, and the church filled with sorrowing friends.

A. T. H.

The Rev. Alfred A. Rickert

Death came suddenly to this aged servant of the Church on February 23rd while about to read Morning Prayer to the congregation of the Cathedral at Orlando, Fla. He was found in the Sacristy, into which he had entered from his home to robe for the service, lifeless. He had apparently been in his previous good health. He was in his 77th year. It was a beautiful ending, such as he would have desired, of a singularly charming and useful life. Mr. Rickert had never severed his canonical connection with our own diocese, though for the past 18 years he had spent his winters in Orlando, and the greater part of his clerical work in these years has been done in southern Florida, a jurisdiction to which he was greatly attached and in the missionary development of which he had been an important factor. Under Bishop Gray he had served with conspicuous success as Archdeacon. He was a native of Lititz, Pa., of Moravian extraction, and his early manhood was spent as teacher and musician. In this latter respect he was peculiarly talented and served as organist in several of the parishes of our Church in and about Philadelphia, notably St. Paul's, Cheltenham. He was ordained Deacon in 1869 and advanced to the priesthood in '75. After a curacy at St. James's, Philadelphia, he became rector of St. Peter's Memorial at Weldon, where he did a notable work. Later he became associated with Dr. Newlin at the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Streets. In 1899 the death of his wife and the condition of his own health made it necessary as noted above to go south for the winters. After a public funeral in Orlando, when Bishop Mann paid a beautiful tribute to his memory, Mr. Rickert's body was brought to this city, services being conducted from the Church of the Incarnation Monday, February 26th, by Bishop Garland, Dr. Hodge and the Rev. Messrs. Gilberson and Levis. A number of the clergy and former parishioners were present in the church.

B. S. S.

Frank M. Harman

(Departed this life Thursday, February 15, 1917.)

The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, was greatly shocked and saddened last month by the news of the sudden death of Mr. Harman after an operation for acute appendicitis. Mr. Harman was next to the rector's warden, the oldest member of the vestry in time of service. The heartfelt prayers and sympathy of the whole parish go out to Mrs. Harman and her son in their great sorrow. May he rest in peace.

C. T.

Resolutions of the Vestry

At a special meeting of the vestry, on Sunday, February 25, 1917, the following resolutions were adopted expressing their deep appreciation of the devoted services of the late vestryman of the parish:

"Whereas, On Thursday, February 15, 1917, Frank M. Harman entered into Life Eternal; be it

Resolved by the Vestry of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, of which he was for over thirty years a faithful member, that they do hereby record their sense of deep loss at his sudden death.

A good man he was, as the world counts goodness; honorable, devoted, and true in the relations of life; but more than that; he was good as God counts goodness. He was not content with a mere moral respectability. A devout servant of his Lord, spiritually minded and earnest, his simple, courteous personality and manly Christianity impressed all who came in contact with him. He was a consistent, devoted Churchman.

Called away so suddenly from his life of active and responsible service in the parish, his going has left a void difficult to fill, but with it he has left an inspiration for service to us who remain.

To his bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow.

May God grant him in Paradise light, refreshment and peace.

Burton Chance,
Secretary.

Elizabeth Swift

(Entered into rest January 27th)

At a special meeting of the rector, wardens and vestry of All Saints' Church, Norristown, Pa., held January 28, 1917, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His wise providence has taken to Himself the soul of our devoted sister, Elizabeth Swift, who entered into rest on Saturday, January 27th.

Resolved, That we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen hereby record with deepest sorrow the loss sustained by us and by other members of All Saints' Church. Her life has been so intimately connected with the growth and development of the parish from its beginning that her passing seems like the breaking of a link that cannot be replaced; yet we rejoice that her earthly life has come to an end only after mature years, quietly, serenely, like the closing of a long summer day. Her monument will exist as long as the church, the parish house, and rectory, erected and beautified largely through her beneficence shall stand. Her gentleness, her Christ-like humility and spiritual life will ever be an incentive to carry on the work she so loyally supported and, like her, to be faithful unto the end. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry and that a copy be sent to her relatives with whom we sincerely sympathize.

FRANK N. KNEAS,
Secretary of the Vestry.

Thomas Betts, M.D.

On Thursday, March 8th, there passed from our midst one of the most devoted, faithful and loyal of Churchmen.

In all the years as rector's warden of Saint Martin's Church, Oak Lane, Philadelphia, as deputy to the Convention and Convocation of Germantown he gave, to the discharge of all duties and responsibilities, ungrudgingly of his ripe and discriminating judgment, wide experience and lofty missionary zeal, coupled with an artless urbanity of manner. In the full communion of the Catholic Church, resting from his labors in the sweet calm of Paradise the blest!

Mrs. John Ashbridge

At a stated meeting of the Holy Trinity Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of Philadelphia, Pa., held on March 8, 1917, the following minute was adopted, expressing their appreciation of, and their gratitude for, the life of Phoebe H. Ashbridge.

From 1881, when Mrs. Ashbridge became a member of the church, her influence has been powerful in every activity of the parish life, and in this special branch has been felt throughout the entire Church, particularly in the Domestic Committee and Indians' Hope Association, of which for many years she was treasurer for the diocese.

Always active in the Ladies' Missionary Society, and in the prepartion of the Missionary Boxes, she became the acting head of the Woman's Auxiliary of the parish when it was organized in 1899, and gave her untiring interest and devoted service to this work until her failing health compelled her to resign. As secretary of the Missionary Box Committee she became known throughout the Domestic and Indian fields, and many a missionary bishop and missionary can tell of her hospitality and personal sympathy.

But no record of her Church life, however brief, would be complete without some mention of her loyalty and devotion to all departments of the parish. Always faithful to the Dorcas, first as secretary then as directress; "Female Superintendent" of the Sunday-school for many years; one of the organizers in this parish of the Girls' Friendly Society; Treasurer of the Guild Laundry; deeply interested in the Fresh Air Work and Holiday House, she brought to each and every one the wonderful efficiency and executive ability which was hers in a remarkable degree.

Surely, like Dorcas, she was "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did," and we know that she has entered into that fuller life where "His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face and His name shall be in their foreheads."

CAROLINE PORTER,
ELLEN MORRIS.

TRINITY MISSION, GULPH MILLS

Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills, ministers to a community long neglected by the Church, for while it is only two miles from Conshohocken and two miles from Radnor, there is no means of communication between them. Norristown, which is three miles away, has been made more accessible by the construction of the Philadelphia and Western. The nearest place of worship was the Christian Church at Gulph Mills, a mile from the site of the Trinity Memorial Chapel. No interest was shown in this locality by the neighboring parishes, until the Mission was established by the Convocation of Norristown under the direction of Bishop Garland. A careful census made of the district showed that within a radius of one mile of the chapel there were 150 families with 660 souls, many without Church affiliation. Most of our people work in the local mills, or are employed in Conshohocken. To walk four miles to work is one thing, and quite another to worship. The consequence has been a loss of ideals and a lowering of moral standards.

The first service was held by the Dean on Trinity Sunday, June 7, 1913, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Varian, who for over a year freely gave the use of their house for the services, Sunday-school and meetings of the Mission.

A lot, containing one acre was bought for $2,000 on the State Highway between Bryn Mawr and King of Prussia, and here the corner-stone of the parish house was laid by Bishop Garland, July 11, 1914. As only enough money could be raised to build the basement this was roofed over and opened by Bishop Garland at a service held October 12, 1914. In this single room the worship and the social work of the mission have been conducted.

In September, 1915, the Rev. Robert M. Beckett was appointed the resident minister, and under his guidance the work has been making great progress. Not only has the congregation paid its share of the current expenses, but in addition has raised $1,000 toward the erection of the second floor of the parish house. The Woman's Aid of the Convocation has taken a deep interest in this important work and has raised about $1,300 for this purpose.

The congregation has also erected a substantial and attractive bell tower to hold the memorial bell presented by the friends of the late Rev. James Haughton, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The completion of the parish house is the imperative need of the hour, for this is essential for the development of the spirit of reverence so sadly needed in this community, and for the social work through which the Church must reach and help the people.

The last call of the Church Extension Fund for this Convention year has been issued and will be used towards the completion of the parish house. *Contributions* for this purpose may be sent to Bishop Garland, or new *subscriptions* to the Church Extension Fund pledging a definite amount on call not more than three times a year may be sent to Bishop Rhinelander marked Church Extension Fund.

The Rev. Samuel Steinmetz has accepted an invitation to become vicar of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace (Holy Trinity Parish, Philadelphia), and entered upon his duties May 1st. The new incumbent comes from the Diocese of Delaware, where for some years he has served acceptably as the rector of Calvary Church, Wilmington.

The Forgotten School

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An Open Letter in which the Philadelphia Divinity School admits you candidly into its confidence.

A grave situation confronts the Church. The number of its ministers is rapidly declining in proportion to the number of its communicants. In quality, its Seminary students are, at some points, demonstrably inferior to those of the chief Protestant churches. The training offered by its Seminaries admits of much improvement. The need is urgent for more Candidates, for better Candidates, for better trained Candidates.

Obviously, this situation can only be met by the co-operation of many forces,—Bishops and Examining Chaplains, Parish Priests and People, the General Convention, and the Seminaries themselves. But perhaps the problem concerns the Theological Seminaries most intimately. And probably they can make the largest single contribution towards its solution: *if only they are aroused, and if only they are adequately supported by the Church.*

The authorities of the Philadelphia Divinity School do not claim that their institution has done all that it might have done even in its sorely straitened circumstances. But they do say that until its present equipment is greatly improved, and its funds increased, it cannot pretend to do its full duty as it sees it.

It is in loyalty to our responsible trust that we have outlined what, in our opinion, this School ought to be and do.

Our project is large and costly. But it is capable of gradual realization,—provided only the first important steps can be securely taken without delay. On the material side, it calls for (1) a new site and new buildings; and (2) for increased endowments. Its deeper aims are three: (1) to better the intellectual preparation, (2) to better the practical preparation, and (3) most of all to better the spiritual preparation, of its students for the Ministry. Its realization will also, we believe, enable us to do our full share in drawing more and better men to the Ministry.

We cannot, in this brief statement, describe fully how hampered we now are. But we must give some illustrative facts.

Our Handicaps

I. *The Land and Buildings.*

1. *Our Site.*

Our present site has no advantages of accessibility or strategic position. It is noisy, dirty, and mal-odorous. It is surrounded by very small houses, by railroads, freight and coal yards, factories, car-barns, incinerating plants and abattoirs. Every one is agreed that our forced removal is only a question of time.

2. *Our Buildings: Conditions of Board and Lodging, and the Decencies of Life.*

Our main building serves as dormitory, lecture-hall, refectory, and laundry. Half the rooms are on the north side, and in winter weather are so cold that men cannot study in them. The lecture rooms are glaring and ill-ventilated. The kitchen (for upwards of forty persons) is a room 13 x 18 feet, which must be used also as pantry and serving-room: it contains two ranges, one large and one small table, a dumb-waiter (3 x 4 feet), a sideboard, and, at meal times, four persons at work. We have no cold storage room, where fruits and potatoes can be kept if purchased in quantity. In this building, one of our professors, the matron, the students, the janitor and his family, and the servants (male and female) are lodged in rooms very much alike, with virtually no separation or privacy. A student wishing to bathe after exercise, must pass from his room to the shower-baths, through the main hall, in front of one or other of the entrance doors, and through halls used by maid-servants and guests alike.

II. *Our Deeper Hindrances.*

1. *The curriculum.*

We have no assured instruction in Sunday-school work, in Social Questions, in Missions (historical or practical), or in Music; nothing that can take the place of the clinical work required of a student of medicine before he can become a practicing physician. All these things are practicable. Their importance was only partially realized when our endowments were secured more than fifty years ago; **and no additional endowments have since been provided.**

2. *Administration.*

There is no office for the conduct of the inner business of the institution or for the orderly filing of its records and papers. There is no secretary to care for administrative details (the part-time and inadequate assistance now obtained is paid for by funds which the dean must personally solicit). The dean, in addition to his considerable administrative and executive work, and in addition to that which is the most important of his duties, viz: the personal care of the students as their pastor and guide in spiritual things, must also carry the full work of a professorship which covers two distinct departments of instruction: departments which, in the better denominational seminaries, are always divided between at least two men. This he must do because there is no other endowment than that of the professorship for his support.

3. *The Devotional Life.*

For the maintenance of a deep and vital spiritual influence upon seminary students,—a thing yet

more important than sound intellectual and practical instruction,—at least three things are needed: first, Chapel services uplifting and impressive; second, constant personal influence of professors upon students; and third, a dean sufficiently free to give ample time to the care of individual men. **We have no one of the three.** (i) Our Chapel is gloomy and depressing; during all the colder weather, it cannot be used. We have no instruction in singing, and no regular organist. A student presides at the organ, sometimes admirably, oftener not. Thus our services fail, and always have failed, to be what they should be in our life. (ii) The personal touch of teacher upon pupil is everywhere the most precious element in education: it is fundamentally necessary in a theological education which professes to do, in some measure, what our Lord did for his Apostles, by methods that are not wholly antithetic to His. Yet of our Faculty of seven, five are compelled to live at such a distance from the School as makes close relations (save in the formal class-room) difficult if not impossible. It is one of the strongest features of our project that it will group professors' houses upon the property of the School. (iii) It is probably the case that few or none of our seminaries avail themselves adequately of what should be one of the most effective means for promoting a sound spiritual life, viz: the devotional and meditative study of the English Bible. It is the conviction of our Faculty that the dean ought to be freed from an ordinary professorial chair, and that he should give simple courses in vital religion and in the application of religious truth to spiritual needs,—courses based chiefly on the English Bible. A study of the Gospels, *e. g.*, with intent to discover both our Lord's principles in the training of the Twelve, and His Methods in His wider Ministry, would, in our judgment, prove fruitful in the highest degree.

4. *Practical Training.*

Similarly, increased endowment would, in the opinion of our Faculty, make possible some steps of real importance towards the solution of one of the chief problems of Seminary training. Our Seminaries do not at present give, or pretend to give, any personal guidance to their students in practical work. Nor are the aptitudes of these students for personal dealings with men in any way tested or attested by the Seminaries. The matter is one of difficulty and delicacy. Our own Seminary is so situated that it can secure some opportunities for such training and testing. We need only funds, and the interest of the Church community, to enable us to undertake an important development.

Our Project

Radical measures are needed to cure handicaps so great. Our School must seek a new site, erect new and adequate buildings,—gathering into one community of life those who teach and those who are taught. It must also acquire funds for the development of its whole scheme of training,—intellectual, practical, and spiritual. These two features, land and buildings on the one hand, and increased endowments on the other, constitute our program. We have felt obliged to aim at the former first; partly because it belongs first in the nature of things, partly because **a site (unique for our uses) is open to us now, but will not long be available.** This site is the Clark property covering a city block at Forty-second and Spruce Streets, within six minutes walk of the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. In size and natural advantages this site is ideal. Its cost ($200,000) *is less than the cost of any other property already "improved" which would meet our needs.* **If the School fails to avail itself of this site its plans for greater usefulness will be indefinitely delayed, and made both much more costly and probably less satisfactory, for the future generation upon which the duty of development would be thrust by present hesitancy and failure.** Our Boards therefore have felt bound by clear duty and evident prudence to secure this land. They have entered into an agreement to purchase it.

Towards the price of this property we have pledges and cash in hand amounting to a little less than $100,000 (about 80 per cent of which is from members of the Board and their families). We have the value of our present land (probably about $80,000),—though it is most desirable that the proceeds of its sale should be kept for additional endowment. We have a pledge of $6000 a year, for a period of five years, to cover taxes, carrying charges, and the like, while we are endeavoring to realize our full plan. We have also a number of promises, necessarily indefinite as yet, of assistance when we reach the stage of building. The final payment on the land must be made by April 16th; and arrangements have been completed by which this payment can be made, subject to a mortgage.

It is our estimate that at least $300,000 will be needed for the first group of buildings without which our students and our library cannot be housed. These are Dormitory, Lecture Hall with Administrative Offices, Refectory, and Library. Professors' Houses, and even the Chapel, can, if necessary, be added a few years later. It is our hope to raise the $100,000 still needed for the purchase of the land, in cash if possible, this year, and indeed as soon as possible. We hope also to secure pledges for payments aggregating some $100,000 a year for three years, for our building fund. We shall erect our buildings only as cash is actually in hand. And towards the building fund we will, and safely can, accept pledges covering payment over a term of years, and subject to the proviso that the donor may cancel his pledge, should conditions change. For our building fund, and for the further endowments which we shall ultimately seek, we may turn, in part, to a wider circle than members of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In the foundation of our School notable gifts came from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, from New York and the central portions of the State of Pennsylvania. We may therefore confidently look for substantial support from beyond the city of our location. But we believe this wider appeal will come with greater

strength, and indeed can only come, when the Church people who are literally our neighbors have risen to the opportunity before us, as generously as have those families now intimately connected with the management of the School. Thus our whole project hinges entirely upon such a quick and generous response.

Our Board, after careful consideration, have felt that, for the Church's sake, they dared not let this unique opportunity go by default; and they have risked much to seize and hold it temporarily, in the firm belief that the Church, especially in this community, would see and rise to the opportunity, so soon as it could be fairly and clearly made known.

Through the Committee in charge we ask your careful consideration of this general statement; and venture to append certain facts and figures which, to our mind, constitute a strong proof that the Philadelphia Divinity School deserves the confidence and support of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Church at large.

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Facts and Figures

1. The Philadelphia Divinity School has, and long has had, the second largest enrolment among the Seminaries of the Church.

2. Its undergraduate students are drawn from many dioceses and missionary districts—16 in all; though nearly 42 per cent are from the diocese of Pennsylvania.

3. It is training men of different nationalities for special work among their own peoples: two Russian Poles, one Italian, a native Porto Rican, two Japanese, and four Negroes.

4. Of its undergraduate students, 16 per cent are at present intending to offer themselves for missionary work in foreign fields, while over 18 per cent intend to work in domestic missionary districts.

5. Of its living graduates 158 are in charge of parishes and missions, ministering to 48,484 communicants, in the home field. These 158 are 3.84 per cent of the 4110 clergy now listed as engaged in parochial work at home: they minister to 4.54 per cent of all the communicants last reported. Seventeen of our graduates are engaged in educational work. Six of our own Faculty are graduates of our School, and five men engaged in seminary teaching elsewhere received their training here. One of our graduates is the dean of a Divinity School in China; another is the Principal of St. Paul's College, Tokyo,—Dr. Motoda, whom a missionary bishop recently spoke of as the most influential Christian citizen in Japan. Sixteen of our graduates are now working in the Foreign Field.

6. The Philadelphia School was the first of our Seminaries to establish "graduate courses" in theology. It is said to have been the first seminary of any affiliation in this country to offer such courses. Thus it has played a leading part, perhaps in some ways *the* leading part, in the effort to stimulate the higher education of the ministry. At the present time it has more graduate students (not giving their entire time to study, but taking actual courses of instruction in class) than all other seminaries together.

7. When the "International Critical Commentary" (the most learned work of the sort undertaken by English speaking scholars) was projected some years ago, both the then professors of Bible Learning in this Divinity School were asked to contribute volumes: and their volumes are the only ones in the series produced by scholars of our Church.

8. Among the six seminaries of our Church in the East (excluding the Bishop Payne School for Negroes) the Philadelphia School ranks second in number of students, fourth in income, and fifth in appraised value of its plant. In the cost per student of the education it gives, it shows a smaller figure than any of the others: a fact which argues poverty even more surely than it argues efficiency. In the ratio of students to professors, it seems to surpass slightly even the General Seminary. The following table, based upon the report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education (but brought up to date wherever possible) may have some value and interest:

	No. of Professors	No. of Students		Ratio of Students to Professors	Value of Plant	Income	Cost per Student per Annum
		Resident	Non-resident				
Berkeley	8	27	..	3.37	$86,000	$23,600	$874
Cambridge	8	30	13	3.75 or 5.37*	386,000	39,000	$1,300 or 907*
General	14	114	101	8.1 or 15.13	1,893,200	161,200	1,414 or 749
Philadelphia	8	72†	30	9. or 12.75	86,000	25,000	347 or 245
Sewanee	7	11	..	1.57	?	?	?
Virginia	7	46	..	6.57	150,000	28,500	619

* Where alternative figures are given the first is based upon the number of resident students only; while the second is based upon the total number of resident and non-resident students.

† 41 undergraduate students; 30 graduates in academic residence, i. e. taking courses in class.

9. It is often imagined, probably because the actual number of students dealt with is comparatively small, that the present cost of educating men for the ministry is excessive; and that the Church, from motives of economy, ought to refuse to increase either the equipment or the endowments of theological seminaries. The following figures cannot be taken as more than roughly accurate, though no pains have been spared to make them so. They seem to answer the charge of excessive expenditure:

THE COST OF EDUCATION

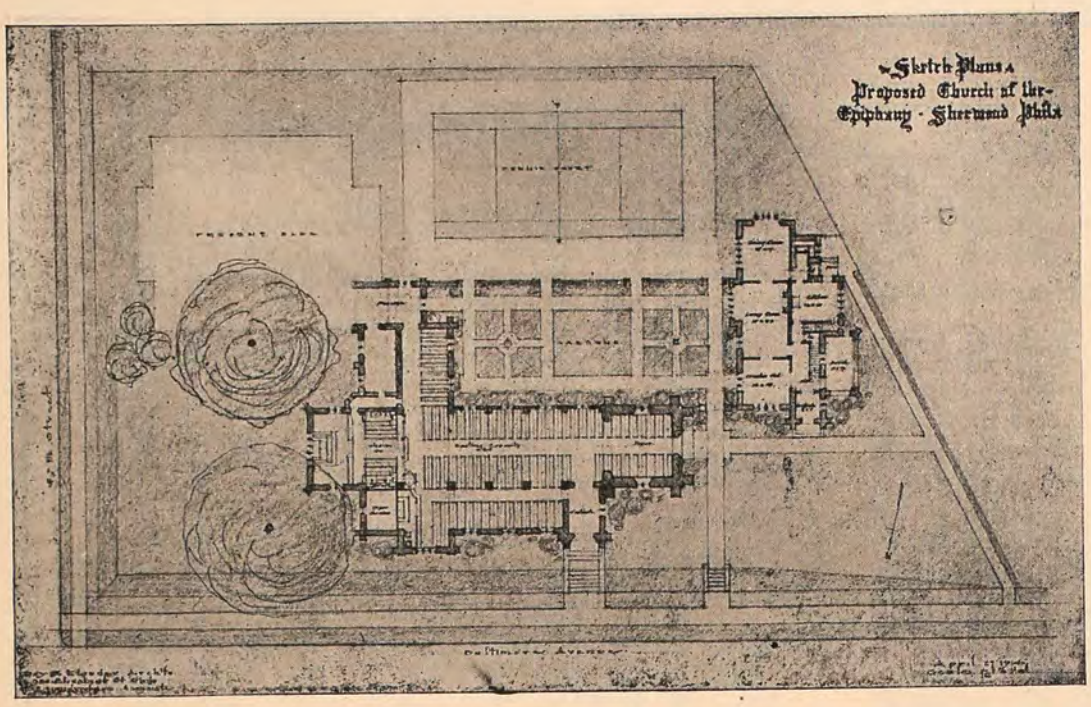
Harvard University:
- All Departments: cost per year per student..... $568
- Divinity School: cost per year per student..... 1848
- Medical School: cost per year per student..... 1151

Princeton Seminary (Presbyterian): cost per year per student..... 813

(N. B. It seems probable that these Harvard figures should be increased by at least $100 or more, in order to allow for the fact that *our* students, generally, have their tuition *free*, and their "board" largely met by scholarship funds.)

10. It is sometimes argued that, in the interests of economy and efficiency, the Church should reduce the number of its seminaries. The matter is fairly arguable. But these points may well be borne in mind: (*a*) Intimate personal contact of teacher and pupils is fundamental in any training that attempts at all to follow our Lord's method with His Apostles; and this is possible only where the number of undergraduate students is kept sufficiently small to retain some real measure of the spirit of a family life. (*b*) If our Church is truly to represent Catholicity (in the sense of honest comprehensiveness) it is probably true that this end will best be secured by a considerable variety of standpoint and tradition in its training schools for the ministry. (*c*) It is probably the case that the work could *at present* be done by fewer seminaries. But what of a generation or two hence? Will not the proper growth in the number of students call for as large a supply of schools as we now have? (*d*) The present expenditure of our seminaries, generally speaking, is not only moderate, but is probably lower than that for professional education generally.

Be this as it may, the facts above cited would seem to show clearly that an argument for the elimination of Seminaries would hardly affect the Divinity School in Philadelphia.



EPIPHANY, SHERWOOD

Fifty-seventh St. and Baltimore Ave.

Now that the Western portion of Philadelphia has become a city in itself, it is hard to realize that a few years ago much of it was a section of farms and scattered homes. In 1898 "Sherwood" was a suburb consisting of not more than one hundred homes, most of which were situated just south of Baltimore Avenue between 57th and 59th Streets, and in Angora. At that time there was a large forest of primeval trees extending from 54th to 58th Streets, and from Baltimore Avenue north for four blocks to what is now Cedar Avenue. The City proper did not extend west of 49th Street.

In 1898 the Baptists in Angora were the only ones holding services at this point. Through a canvass of the neighborhood, conducted by the Rev. F. F. W. Greene, who was connected with the Seamen's Mission, and Mr. Charles A. Duhring, brother of the Rev. Herman L. Duhring, a number of church families were found among the residents of Sherwood, who expressed a desire to have the services of the Episcopal Church. In response to their request, the first service of the Sherwood Mission was held at 5711 Thomas Avenue, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 1898. The service was conducted by Mr. Duhring, acting as Lay Reader. There were twenty-seven persons present at this first service. With his own hands the Rev. Mr. Greene made the altar, reading desk, and Communion rail which were first used by the Mission. He remained in charge of the work, with the assistance of Mr. Duhring, for four weeks, when he succeeded in gaining the financial support of an influential layman in the diocese, who secured the services of the Rev. Edward K.Tullidge. Mr. Tullidge began his work at the Mission, April 24, 1898. The first celebration of the Holy Communion was held June 5th of that year. The Sunday-school was begun with Mr. Duhring as superintendent, one teacher, and eight scholars.

From 5711 Thomas Avenue, the Mission moved at various times to other houses in the same street, until the use of the Church Home Chapel was secured. Mr. Tullidge continued in charge of the Mission until 1905.

At the request of the Dean, the Rev. S. L. Gilberson, Mr. Edward M. Cross, a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School, was appointed to the Mission in July, 1905. At this time the work had practically been abandoned. Mr. Cross undertook to reorganize the work. The Sunday-school was begun again, the Woman's Guild was revived, a vested choir was introduced, and the attendance at the services increased. A class numbering fifteen persons was prepared and presented for Confirmation.

The impetus given to the work of the Mission after Mr. Cross took charge was such that in the spring of 1906 a layman in the diocese donated a piece of ground at 57th Street and Baltimore Avenue, and began the erection of a parish building, the cost of which was $20,000.

In June, 1906, Bishop Mackay-Smith appointed the Rev. Wm. N. Parker Minister-in-Charge of Sherwood Mission The Sunday-school occupied the new parish building October 14, 1906, and the first service was held in the building November 25th. With the exception of the chairs, the people themselves provided the entire furnishings for the parish building. It was at this time that the name, Epiphany, Sherwood, was given to the Mission. In January, 1907 the work was canonically recognized as a Mission of the diocese.

Several years ago it was found that there was not sufficient land for the church and rectory when they should be built, and on November 26, 1913, all the ground between the original plot and the Church Home to the west was purchased. The land now owned by the Mission has a frontage on Baltimore Avenue of 291 feet, with a depth of 160 feet.

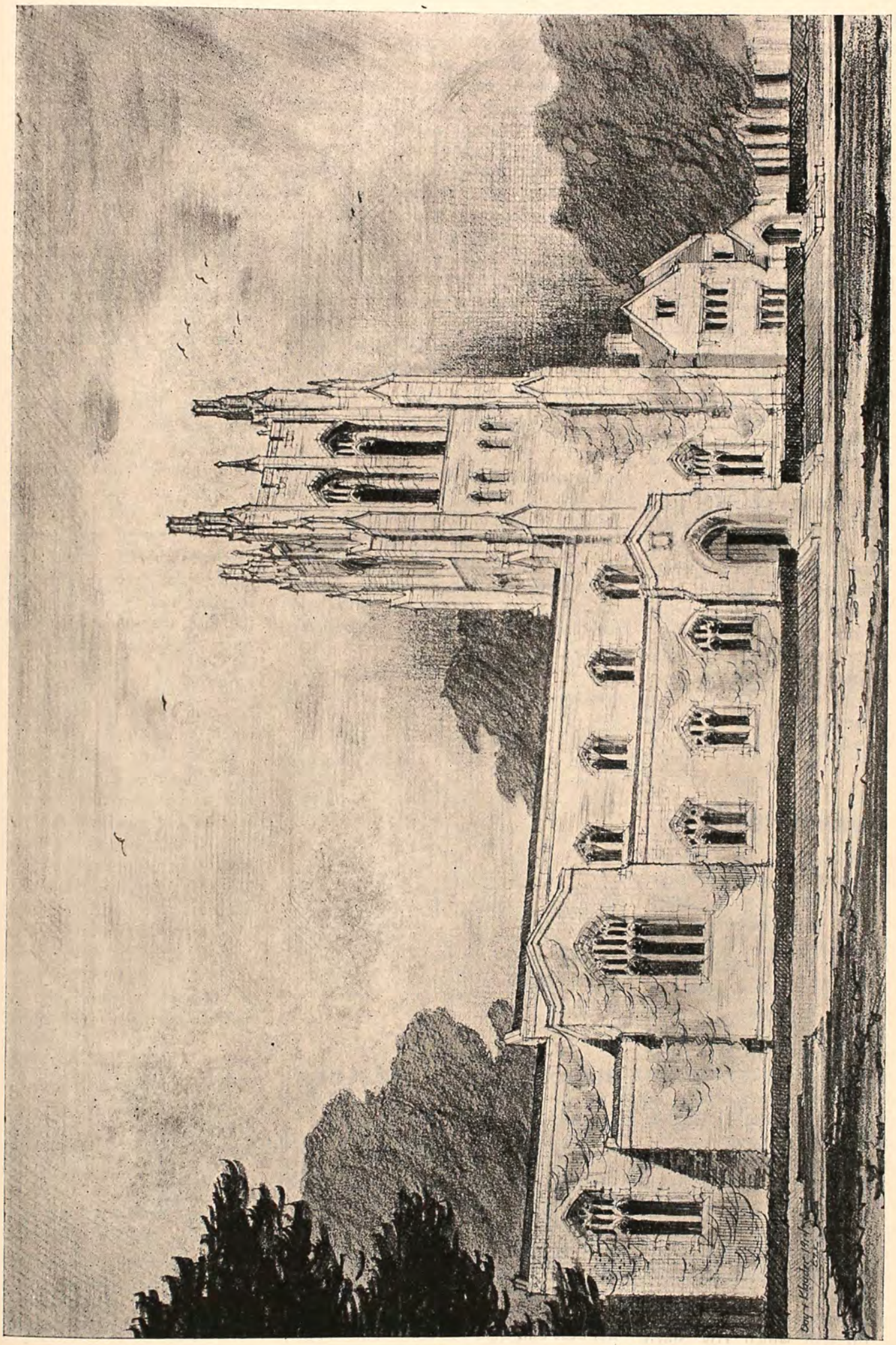
Since the beginning of the Mission in 1898 the growth of the City westward has been phenomenal. Thousands of homes have been built, until Sherwood is no longer a distant suburb, but a part of West Philadelphia. Those who were responsible for the selection of the site for Epiphany, Sherwood, showed rare foresight, for no more promising situation for a church could be found than this. At the present time there are 520 communicants, and 535 in the Sunday-school. The offerings of the people this past year for all purposes were $6,944.58. The apportionment to General Missions for 1915-16 was $550.38, and the people exceeded this amount by $186.24, giving in all $736.62. The attendance at the morning service is from 190-400, and the average Sunday-school attendance is 290. The Sunday evening congregations number between 125 and 200 persons.

All of the work at the present time is being conducted in the parish building which has a seating capacity of 211. With this inadequate accommodation we are now trying to conduct the rapidly increasing work. Every available part of the present building is used each week for the church services and the Sunday-school, and until a church is built it will be impossible to enlarge the building to accommodate the school.

The construction of the new church was begun last December, and the corner-stone was laid by the Bishop of Western Nebraska, acting for the Bishop of the diocese, Tuesday, March 6, 1917. Rapid progress has been made on the building and it should be ready for use early in 1918. If begun when needed three years ago, the church would have cost about $54,000, but the authorization was not given until last May when prices were soaring, so that the cost now will be $95,000. Of this sum, the diocese, through the Board of Missions, has assumed responsibility for $40,000. The members of the congregation, appreciating the splendid opportunity and the imperative need of the new church, willingly agreed to be responsible for the remaining $55,000.

They have already raised in cash and reliable pledges (which are now being paid monthly) the sum of $23,500 and the remainder will be covered by a mortgage which the increasing membership should, in the near future, be able to cancel.

Wm. Newman Parker,
Minister-in-Charge.



THE UNITED OFFERING

By the Diocesan Treasurer

Attention is called to the notice, in *The Diocesan Bulletin* (page ..), of the Annual Service of the Woman's Auxiliary with the Presentation of the United Offering.

We have entered the new Triennium 1916-1919 very quietly. That is only natural in the matter of an offering completed once in three years. After the Presentation Service at the time and place of the meeting of the General Convention, there is almost sure to be a reaction. Other important things claim the attention of the Auxiliary, and it is right that they should. Nevertheless, we must "begin all over again" with earnestness, not for one moment forgetting that the work and the workers under the United Offering need our support—by prayers and by gifts—just as much in 1917 as in 1919. Let us take care that we do not postpone *all* enthusiasm until the last year!

The United Offering of 1916, from more than 100 dioceses and missionary districts, amounted to $353,619.76. Pennsylvania's share was $50,005.57. Pennsylvania's Aim for 1919 is—"at least $60,000." Therefore it is important to begin early to accumulate steadily.

Do not forget the Diocesan Presentation of the United Offering on April 26th. It is our Annual Thanksgiving Service. No woman can afford to miss it. Let us crowd St. Matthew's Church.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

So successful was last year's Quiet Hour for associates and older members who find it impossible to attend a Quiet Day, that another was held this year on the evening of February 28th, in St. Simeon's Church. The conductor was the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, rector of the Chapel of the Mediator.

The 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians was read as the keynote of the evening teaching, with the request that each one should consider very thoughtfully its meaning, as the significance of what is very familiar may be so easily lost.

In the meditation that followed, the possibilities of living this charity, of so expressing the God-life in us that we may attain our Heaven on earth, were shown. Heaven was taken as a "state of being" possible to each one of us if we would live His life, whereby the God-love would so fill us that we could be channels through which His Spirit would flow out to others for their help in time of need. Two beautiful illustrations were given; one of a poor singer, poor in worldly knowledge and possessions, but with a vision which those around him lacked; and one of a mediaeval legend of a cathedral with its entrance crowded by worshippers who would enter to sing their Easter Hallelujahs, but the warden at the door forbids this entrance until each shall prove himself worthy of the honor. Justification of learning, art, wealth, avails nothing, until one comes who has already almost given her life in nursing the people through a plague. She is told to enter, but she begs that the *people* may enter and she remain outside in their place; whereupon the bells peal and the doors swing wide open to all.

The obvious lesson from this wonderful original story, that through the self-sacrifice, the real self-giving of one, many may be saved, was the finest illustration of the ideal of the Girls' Friendly Society, the spiritual mount of vision which doubtless illumined the hearts of its founders.

The Married Branch Helpers in the society are becoming such a considerable body that they now have a yearly Conference of their own. This was held April 11th, in the Parish House of St. James's Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets. After a welcome from the Rev. Mr. Clarke and from the Diocesan President, the various bands gave reports of the character of their meetings and the work they had accomplished during the past winter. Miss Julia Williamson then gave some charming illustrations of "story-telling," after which the Married Branch Helpers of St. James's Branch served refreshments.

The "G. F. S. Festival Week" has been given in many of the branches, and others are planning it as a spring entertainment. The programme for this year is in the form of a pageant, explanatory of the organization of the society and the work of both Central and Diocesan Officers and Heads of Departments. The contribution of five cents asked from every one present will be used for the extension work of the society in all parts of the country.

BISHOP ROWE AT ST. LUKE'S GERMANTOWN

The Spring Missionary Service of the Germantown and Chestnut Hill branches of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Luke's Church Wednesday evening, April 11th. Bishop Rowe, of Alaska, was the speaker and took for his subject the Indians and Esquimaux of our Northern land.

Always interesting, the Bishop was at his best and held the congregation spellbound as he told of the great work he is doing to carry light to these our brothers who live in the darkness of the Arctic.

In part he said:

"The slogan of the Mission work today is 'More faith, more facts, more funds, more folks.' I am going to speak to-night on the *facts* about the Indians and Esquimaux."

He then told of the work among the Indians of Southeastern Alaska, where Mr. Duncan, coming from Canada many years ago, built, first a church, then a village, and now has a devoted Christian community who live about him. The Board of Education of the United States Government has now gone in and is breaking up the work, and Mr. Duncan, who is 85 years old, is living on sufferance in the village which he founded. Something must be done to help him.

The Bishop after speaking of the Indians in the extreme West, under the Russian Church, carried us up the Yukon to our own great work among the inland Indians. Here we are alone in the field, and he said we should be proud of the ministry for which the Church is responsible among these people, of the devoted men and women shut away from the world, of the hospitals and schools among them. The Church has been there 12 years, and the Board of Education only got into the field five years ago.

Those present will never forget his description of the travel with dog sleds under the Arctic nights; the training required, before one is fit to take such a journey; travelling with dogs, on snowshoes the leader breaks the trail and the dogs follow, the companion going behind; nights spent in the open when the howl of a wolf is the worst cry in the whole land.

Is there any consolation? The glare and wonder of the Northern lights, and most of all the love and confidence of the Indians for which all this is done.

Then he spoke of the Esquimaux, our most Northern brothers; living in igloos. Can they be lifted up? There are Esquimaux to-day who take part in the service as well as any one at home and love the Church which is the only thing that has brought them Life. Is it not worth while to make sacrifices, to starve and freeze for such people? These people after they are helped show character. Artists love to paint Christian Esquimaux because of the character in their faces. They are increasing now since Christianity has come among them, and the Church is defending them from the unspeakable whalers who preyed upon them.

Bishop Rowe concluded: "St. Paul would say if he were to come to Philadelphia, 'I charge you first of all to pray.' When the Apostles were in prison their friends prayed and they were released. The highest form of human energy in the Church is Prayer, and it is the least used. We do not stay on the mountain top long enough to have our faces transfigured. We do not remember the windows opened toward the Holy City. I charge you first of all to pray."

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY VISITS PHILADELPHIA

The Rev. James Empringham, S.T.D., who became the General Superintendent of the Church Temperance Society, last fall, visited this Diocese and spoke on several occasions, from March 16th to 19th. Dr. Empringham was called to this position in the Church in order to bring years of special experience to the service of the Church in making its voice heard in the fight for local option and the right to vote in those States, counties and townships where the voters are disfranchised in the matter. The New York Diocesan Convention of last November, voted its unanimous approval of a local option bill in the State Legislature, and as the representative of the Church Temperance Society, Dr. Empringham has frequently appeared at Albany in support of this bill, and through his office the people of the Church are kept informed concerning it. In like manner he is prepared to serve the Church in all parts of the country, and at the same time he is building up a great constituency of Church people, who through the medium of the Church Temperance magazine and other forms of literature, will be kept informed and interested in the nation-wide movement.

During his stay in Philadelphia, Dr. Empringham spoke at Holy Trinity Church, and before the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class of that parish and addressed the Clerical Brotherhood at its Monday meeting, presenting the platform and purpose of the new department of the Church Temperance Society. Parishes wishing to co-operate with the society and to be informed concerning its work, should address Dr. Empringham at 201 Metropolitan Tower, New York City. The society's offices have been removed from their former quarters in the Church Missions House, and so great is the interest and demand for the work recently undertaken, that already an additional suite of three rooms has been taken over at the present location of the society.

Dr. Empringham is a convincing speaker and an efficient executive. Under his leadership the Church Temperance Society will become truly representative of the whole Church.

Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, in particular and numerous parishes and missions of our Church, together with not a few charitable institutions here and elsewhere, will profit largely by the will of the late Mrs. P. N. Ashbridge, a resident of Ardmore, but well known in this city for her liberality. Among the bequests to Holy Trinity is one of $2,000 for the perpetual endowment of her pew in the parish church and $1,000 each to the Dorcas and MacVickar Funds, besides $5,000 for the Poor Fund of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace. Her extensive and valuable collection of gold ornaments and silverware is to be appropriated to the making of sets of vessels for the Holy Communion to be donated to missions unable to provide these for themselves, the cost of their manufacture to be met by the sale of her precious stones and jewelry. The Episcopal Hospital receives $5,000, as do several other institutions of the city and gifts ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 are made to two or three of the Missionary Jurisdictions, as well as to the Diocese of New Hampshire, in which State at Ashland she had her summer home and the local parish there receives the sum of $10,000 as an endowment.

COUNTRY CHURCH CONFERENCE

A Summer Post-Graduate Course for the Rural Clergy

As a number of State colleges hold a mid-summer conference, especially intended for the rural clergy, it was considered highly desirable to arrange one in connection with the Pennsylvania State College. So on Monday, February 12th, twenty-five clergy of different denominations coming from various parts of the State gathered together in a preliminary conference at State College, at the invitation of its President, Dr. Edwin E. Sparks. The interest of our own Church in this movement was manifested by the presence of Prof. J. H. Frizzell, representing the Rev. E. M. Frear, the Rev. W. C. Emhardt, and the Rev. J. L. Prevost, M.D.

The result of the meeting was the organization of the "Country Church Conference" with a Board of Directors consisting of one member from each denomination taking part. The Rev. Mr. Frear, resident, being unable to serve, the Rev. Mr. Emhardt since has been chosen to serve in his stead.

There will be a matriculation fee of $2, but the entire expenses for the two weeks, including board and room, will not exceed $20, and good accommodations can be had as low as $6 per week. The subjects planned to be taken up this year will be: Religious Education, Rural Sociology, Rural School Problem, Agricultural Conditions, and Organized Play. This will be supplemented by a Round Table Conference, special addresses and meetings on associated topics.

The Conference will have its first session this summer at State College, in July from the tenth to the twentieth, inclusive, consisting of ten full days with a minimum time of four hours of instruction in each day or twenty hours per week.

A printed program will be issued later to the clergy of the Diocese. In the meantime the Rev. Mr. Emhardt or Dr. Prevost will be glad to receive any inquiries for further information.

J. L. P.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AT SAINT ALBAN'S

At Saint Alban's Church, Olney, Philadelphia, many of the stained glass windows (some of which have been making for a long time) will soon be installed. The temporary wooden window frames will be replaced throughout by stone-traceries, in the style of French Decorated Gothic Work. The gladd is after the character of the fourteenth century. Three very beautiful windows in the Apse are already in. They illustrate some of the main events in the Life of Our Lord, such as The Annunciation (Incarnation), the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple, the Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Agony in the Garden, the Resurrection and the Transfiguration. The lower lights are "predellas" illustrating Old Testament Types. These windows were made in London by Messrs. Heaton, Butler and Bayne. This firm also hopes to instal the large south window by Saint Alban's Day, which window will illustrate the Transfiguration, with type such as Moses and Elijah in the predellas.

The Lady Chapel Window is being made by a new firm, Messrs. Albers, Kornhouser & Co., who hope to have the window in place by the end of April. This pictures scenes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary or prophecies relating to her, as recorded in Scripture. It will be in keeping with the beautiful Apse Windows and follows the same treatment of large lights with "predellas" below showing types.

The Clerestory Windows are from the same two firms. They will illustrate the Church and its continuity, picturing the Four Evangelists, St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Athanasius and other Saints of the Early and Mediaeval Church. It is hoped to have them all installed by Saint Alban's Day, June 17th.

It would be hard to excel the Apse Windows, but the coming windows are expected to equal them in every way. They will be specially interesting and noteworthy, as being in keeping with the style and period represented by the Church proper, forming an harmonious whole, so rarely seen in the majority of churches, where often windows, fine in themselves, "kill" each other, or disfigure buildings by an incongruous character.

Bishop Rhinelander has been nominated as an Overseer of Harvard University, of which he is an alumnus.

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P. M. PARKESBURG—*Church of the Ascension,* The Bishop Suffragan

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P. M. WEST VINCENT—*St. Andrew's Church,* The Bishop Suffragan
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Evg. HATBORO—*Church of the Advent* . . . . . The Bishop
A. M. WAYNE—*St. Mary's Church* . . . . . The Bishop Suffragan
P. M. PAOLI—*Church of the Good Samaritan,* The Bishop Suffragan

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P. M. PHILADELPHIA—*St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane,* The Bishop
A. M. BUCKINGHAM—*Trinity Church* . . . The Bishop Suffragan

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Evg. ESSINGTON—*Church of St. John the Evangelist,* The Bishop Suffragan

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A. M. ORDINATION . . . . . The Bishop
P. M. PHILADELPHIA—*St. Luke's Church, Germantown,* The Bishop
A. M. KENNETT SQUARE—*Church of the Advent,* The Bishop Suffragan
P. M. CONCORD—*St. John's Church* . . . . The Bishop Suffragan

Wednesday, June 6.
Evg. PHILADELPHIA—*St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,* The Bishop

Thursday, June 7.
CONVOCATION OF NORRISTOWN

Sunday, June 10. First Sunday after Trinity
A. M. FOX CHASE—*Holy Nativity, Rockledge* . . . . . The Bishop
Evg. PHILADELPHIA—*Emmanuel Church, Kensington,* The Bishop
A. M. MEDIA—*Christ Church* . . . . . The Bishop Suffragan
P. M. DARLINGTON . . . . . The Bishop Suffragan

Wednesday, June 13.
Evg. CHESTER—*St. Mary's Mission* . . . The Bishop Suffragan

Sunday, June 17. Second Sunday after Trinity
A. M. PHILADELPHIA—*St. John's Church, Kensington,* The Bishop
Evg.

Sunday, June 24. Third Sunday after Trinity
A. M. GLENN LOCH—*St. Paul's Church* . . . . . The Bishop
P. M. GREAT VALLEY—*St. Peter's Church* . . . . . The Bishop
A. M. RADNOR—*St. Martin's Church* . . . The Bishop Suffragan

Sunday, July 1. Fourth Sunday after Trinity
A. M. PHILADELPHIA—*Burd Orphan Asylum* . . . . . The Bishop
A. M. BRISTOL—*St. Paul's Church* . . . . . The Bishop Suffragan
Evg. BRISTOL—*St. James' Church* . . . . . The Bishop Suffragan

PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Philadelphia Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to be held in Philadelphia this year, beginning October 10th and running through Sunday, October 14th.

The committees in charge of the preparations are actively engaged in perfecting all arrangements and promise one of the most successful meetings in the history of this organization. The program is practically completed and shows unusual strength, beginning with the Banquet on Wednesday evening, at which George Wharton Pepper will preside and make the opening address, and Bishop Williams of Michigan and Hon. John Stewart Bryan of Virginia will be the other speakers. There will be one or two mass meetings, the Sunday meeting probably being at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Convention itself will hold its sessions in Horticultural Hall, on South Broad Street, where similar meetings were held in 1904.

The usual arrangements for transportation, halls, publicity, registration, music, entertainment of visiting clergy, etc., are being made by the various subcommittees. A novel plan is the invitation by members of the local Brotherhood to Brotherhood men in all parts of the country asking them to come. These invitations are going out in the form of personal letters and are making a splendid impression, insuring a large attendance at the Philadelphia Convention. It is not unlikely this Convention will reach the high-water mark, particularly as these gatherings of late years have become conferences of Churchmen in general as well as members of the Brotherhood.

PRESENTATION SERVICE OF THE CHILDREN'S LENTEN OFFERINGS

Attention is called to the fact that this service is for this year to be held on Sunday afternoon, April 29th, at 4.15 o'clock, at Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets. In making this change from the customary Saturday, the Executive Committee of the Sunday-school Association of the Diocese have made a most commendable step which will meet, we believe, with practically unanimous approval. A most interesting and stimulating program for the service has been arranged. Novel features have been planned to fix the attention of the children. The attendance should break all records for this service in the diocese. It goes without saying that our offering this year will be the largest we have ever made—one need not be a prophet to venture such a prediction, for this is one of the annual "sure things" in our diocese.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH NEWS:

The large rubber factories of Akron, Ohio, are attracting many people to this city. Many young men are coming here. The Church of Our Saviour is making an especial effort to assist people in finding homes. Our Parish House, with its staff of workers, offers exceptional advantages to new comers. I wish to invite Church people coming to Akron to make themselves known to me. Our Church extends to them a welcome.

(The Rev.) GEORGE P. ATWATER,
Rector, Church of Our Saviour.

A PATRIOTIC HYMN

The Men's Bible Class of Christ Church, Germantown, to the number of 127 recently attended divine service in a body and presented the parish with a handsome silk flag which has been placed in the Chancel of the church. During the service an appropriate hymn "Hail to the Flag," composed by the rector, the Rev. Chas. H. Arndt, was sung to the stirring tune of our Hymnal "Ancient of Days," No. 311. The words of the hymn follow. We are sure many will be glad to know of them.

HAIL TO THE FLAG!

Hail to the flag, all honor and all glory,
Shall follow thee, where'er thou lead the way;
O'er rolling seas, o'er plains and cragged mountains,
Thy folds, OLD GLORY, shall in triumph wave.

Banner of strength, of greatness and of glory,
Proudly it waves o'er loyal hearts and true;
Won by the blood of free men bravely dying,
Symbol of Liberty, the Red, White and Blue.

(Copies of the words and music will be furnished free to congregations desiring to use this hymn by the Bible Class, applications to be made to the Rev. Chas. H. Arndt.)

A new memorial window has been placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles by Mrs. John Cruse in loving memory of her husband who departed this life in December, 1915. The subject of the window, which is from the D'Ascenzo Studios, is the Vision of St. Paul at the gate of Damascus.

Word has been received that the Rev. Joseph Morris is now well on his way to the work for which he volunteered in the Far East after a long detention in London and afterwards in Naples. The message came from Port Said.

DEDICATION OF WINDOW

The beautiful memorial window recently set in the large window space over the altar in St. Simeon's Church, Wildwood, N. J., was dedicated on Sunday morning, April 15th at 10.30 o'clock. The window bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Edgar Cope, founder of this parish, born June 20, 1858; died March 28, 1910." The money for the window was raised by Mrs. J. A. Goodfellow, the wife of the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Philadelpia, in whose parish Mr. Cope was brought up and many friends of Mr. Cope have contributed to make up the sum necessary. The window contains five figures, representing the scene of the presentation in the temple. St. Simeon occupies the center lancet, holding the Child Jesus in his arms. St. Mary and St. Joseph are on his right and St. Anna the prophetess on his left, occupying respectively the right and left lancets. Archdeacon Shepherd, who knew Mr. Cope for many years, preached the sermon and dedicated the window. The window cost $550.

Under the auspices of the Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, a Red Cross Base Hospital is being organized for the use of our army in the field. All church people should know that their church is doing its share to help the Government prepare for the care of the wounded in this crisis.

For this hospital many forms of assistance are needed:

Financial: Funds for the purchase of equipment, ambulances, X-ray machines, and for other special purposes; surgical and hospital supplies of all kinds. Individual Service, both male and female, in the capacity of nurses' assistants, ambulance drivers, mechanics, chauffeurs, ward attendants, stretcher bearers, clerical force, etc. Those who volunteer for this personal service will not be called except for actual service. Such volunteers will go out with the base hospital, which will be moved wherever it is most needed behind the firing line.

It is hoped that the church people will stand by the Church Red Cross Hospital. This is an appeal to your patriotism, and an opportunity is open to all to serve their country now. If you want to help the Red Cross, do it through your own Church Red Cross Hospital.

Please communicate with

CAPT. LEIPER, Supt. of the Episcopal Hospital, Red Cross Headquarters, 218 South 18th St., or DR. CHARLES H. FRAZIER, Director of Base Hospital No. 34.

A Welcome to "The Monthly Message"

New Monthly Parish Paper of the Parish of the Holy Apostles

The beautiful cover which is here presented tells of the advent of a new Parish Paper in our midst. It is the paper of the Parish of the Holy Apostles. The cover explains itself. The Mother Church appears first and under it are to be found pictures of the chapels. The value of a Parish Paper is very great, and our friends at the Holy Apostles know it. The first number appeared on Easter Day and the contents are in keeping with the promise of the cover. Anything which tells the story of the activity of Holy Apostles with its chapels has much to tell. A magazine written in the spirit of the Parish's past will have a message to give to its readers. The great virility of George C. Thomas appears still in the steadiness of the Parish and its substantial and unpretentious work. The Missionary zeal which has made the Parish known all over the land will reach others through *The Monthly Message*.

If the inspiration of the pages is equal to that which suggested the title we shall have a paper of unusual merit. *The Monthly Message* will speak for itself and prepare the parishioners to expect something. And those who are familiar with the zeal and enthusiasm of the Mother Church and its lusty child in West Philadelphia know that a vigorous spirit is going to be let loose. May *The Monthly Message* speed its way taking many captive by its sanity of judgment, its loyalty of heart, in giving the message of Jesus. The past of Holy Apostles will guide its feet wisely and the vision of its editors will open up a new and even better way

C. H. C.

NEWS·DEPARTMENT

THE REV. B. S. SANDERSON, EDITOR, WYNCOTE, PA.

Kindly send all brief items of news, personal or parochial, to the Department Editor, at the above address, not later than the 15th of each month. The Editor would be particularly glad to receive copies of parish papers.

The Rev. H. Cresson McHenry has started raising an Endowment Fund for the Church of St. John the Evangelist to be named for the Rev. Mr. Lattimer, a former rector. It is hoped that eventually the amount reached will be $50,000.

An interesting feature of the Easter services as reported from several of the city parishes was the unusual number of men who received the Holy Communion in a body. St. James's, Holy Apostles's and Holy Trinity were some of the parishes making this report. The Stonemen Fellowship took the lead in this movement.

The Church Attendance Campaign, to increase the congregations at the Sunday evening service, has been successfully carried on during Lent in quite a number of our parishes under the auspices of leaders in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and all report that the movement has been most encouraging.

The Rev. Samuel Steinmetz, rector of Calvary Church, Wilmington, Del., has been invited by the rector and vestry of Holy Trinity Parish, Philadelphia, to be vicar of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, in succession to the Rev. Joseph P. Morris.

The Rev. Harry Howe Bogert, rector of St. Michael's, Birdsboro, Diocese of Bethlehem, conducted the annual parochial retreat in the Church of the Annunciation, Philadelphia.

The Clerical Luncheon on Monday, May 14th, is to take the form of a testimonial to the Rev. Alfred J. P. McClure for his years of labor in behalf of the General Clergy Relief Fund. A committee of the clergy appointed by the Clerical Brotherhood, the Rev. Messrs. Halsey, Hoyt, Prevost and Sanderson is in charge.

The Corporation of Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, has purchased the property at 2220 Spruce Street immediately adjoining the Holy Trinity Chapel and Guild House. The lot is 18 x 107 feet and contains a residence, the assessed valuation on the lot is $14,000.

The second story of St. Monica's parish house was opened with a special service on the evening of March 20th. Under the energetic direction of the Rev. Richard Bright, the missionary, our work among the colored people in this part of West Philadelphia has wonderfully progressed.

The new rector of St. Phillip's Church, Forty-second Street and Baltimore Avenue, the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, of Wakefield, R. I., assumed charge on the Octave of Easter. At a reception tendered him and his family the ensuing week, the neighboring clergy and a great outpouring of parishioners and friends welcomed him to his new field of labor.

On the afternoon of Easter Even Bishop Garland laid the corner-stone of a $25,000 parish house which is to be erected for the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, the Rev. Irving H. McGrew, rector. The new building, connected with the church, will be 50 x 100 feet built of gray stone from the Germantown quarries in harmony with the church and will give much needed quarters for the various activities of this aggressive parish.

The Rev. Dr. S. S. Drury, Head Master of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., conducted the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday in old St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. The service was largely attended and the addresses were most impressive.

The Rev. Dr. Tomkins was the special preacher in Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, on the morning of the First Sunday after Easter.

Easter Day then was used for the first time in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, a most beautiful set of vessels for the Holy Communion, a memorial of the late Mrs. William West Frazier, the gift of her children. Fashioned of sterling silver, in artistic form, with dignified simplicity, these vessels are a fitting appreciation of one who for so long was a loyal and devoted communicant and most generous benefactor of the parish.

The program of the Cambridge Conference of Church Workers to be held from June 22d to July 7th contains the names of Dr. Wm. H. Jefferys, Mrs. H. A. Pilsbury and Miss Margaret Evans of this diocese among the leaders. This Conference is each year being atended by an increasing number of interested persons from this diocese and this year promises to be no exception to the rule. Last year the enrollment from our own diocese was the largest of any save that from Massachusetts.

The will of the late Mrs. J. G. Bawn disposes of a large estate and contains many religious and charitable bequests. Among its items is the gift to Trinity Mission, Cheltenham, of a valuable lot and the sum of $30,000 for a permanent building or buildings. The Parish of Holy Trinity, Rockledge, is to receive $15,000 for the completion of the beautiful Church by the erection on the west front of a memorial Baptistry and Font (with appropriate stained glass windows) to be known as "The Mary A. Ryerss Memorial," besides a considerable addition to its Endowment Fund of moneys in which Mrs. Bawn had a life interest. The parish also becomes the possessor of a very valuable set of Vessels for the Holy Communion made from family plate and precious jewels. The charitable bequests practically extend half way around the globe, reaching as they do from the Children's Hospital of our own city to Lebanon Hospital near Beirut, Syria.

Easter marked the centennial of St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia, and the services of the day were of a peculiarly joyous nature. Appropriate music and overflowing congregations gave the keynote to the celebration which marked the successful completion of a gallant struggle covering several years to lift the burden of necessary debt which had long rested on the parish. In the past five years, under the wise guidance of the rector, the Rev. W. J. Cox, over $22,000 of indebtedness—in large part contracted nearly a quarter of a century ago in the rebuilding of Chancel and Choir after a destructive fire—had been paid off; and on Easter Day the final payment of $4,000 was made and the mortgage burned. Arrangements are being made for the Consecration of the church in the near future.

Philadelphia has been designated as the meeting place for the sessions of this year's gathering of the Synod of the Province of Washington, which will be held in November. A local committee has been organized who are busily engaged on the arrangements. The invitation to hold the opening service and other sessions in St. James's Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets, has been accepted.

Through the generosity of friends the rector of the Church of the Advocate, the Rev. H. M. Medary, has been presented with a motor car which he is finding most helpful as a timesaver in his pastoral work.

In line with others of the Convocations, the women of the North Philadelphia Convocation have organized into an auxiliary to assist in the development of the missions within its limits. A meeting is to be held at the Church House, Tuesday, April 10th (the day of Convocation meeting), when it is hoped that there will be delegates present from all the parishes and missions of the Convocation.

A large and populous section in Mt. Airy, somewhat removed from the parish Church, is now receiving the earnest consideration of the rector and vestrymen of Grace Church. An appeal is being made to the congregation for a considerable financial addition to the parish budget for the forthcoming year in order that the services of a curate and secretary may be provided for the rector.

Bishop Howden, of New Mexico, was the guest of Dr. Mockridge over Ash Wednesday, preaching in St. James's Church both morning and afternoon, making many new friends for his work in that parish. Later he conducted for a week the Noonday services at old St. Peter's, addressed the Domestic Committee of the diocesan W. A., and spoke in a number of parishes. He made a splendid impression everywhere.

The Rev. David L. Sanford has resigned as Missionary at Morrisville to accept the headmastership of St. Bernard's School for boys at Gladstone, N. J. His son will be associated with him in this new field.

The Rev. Charles C. Waugh has accepted an election as curate at Calvary Church, Germantown, the Rev. Franklin S. Moore, rector.

The Rev. L. C. Washburn, D.D., was the Mary Fitch Page Lecturer this year at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., of which he is a graduate. The general subject of the course was "Signs of Promise at Our Ecclesiastical Four Corners."

The Rev. William Witmer, curate at Calvary Church, Germantown, has accepted work in the diocese of Bethlehem, as rector of St. Peter's, Tunkhannock, with the oversight of a mission or two in the neighborhood. Mr. Witmer is a graduate of our Divinity School and prior to his present charge had been curate at Trinity Church, Oxford.

Mr. Ewing L. Miller, the genial treasurer of the diocese, was obliged early in March to submit to a serious operation at the Samaritan Hospital, from which it is reassuring to learn that he is rapidly recovering with the prospect of complete health in the near future.

The headquarters of the City Mission now floats the national emblem. A beautiful flag, the gift of Mrs. Wm. H. Jefferys, was raised on the pole erected near the front door of old St. Paul's with appropriate ceremonies on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 6th, in the presence of an interested company.

The interest in the music of the Russian Church, with a wonderful demonstration of its singular and unique beauty, was evidenced in the throng which packed St. Mark's Church on the evening of March 8th. The choir, of the Russian Cathedral in New York, entirely unaccompanied, rendered in exquisite fashion parts of the Liturgy and sang a number of Russian hymns, including the National Anthem. An expert critic who was present describes it as "an evening of artistic and entrancing pleasure, creating a wonderfully devotional atmosphere."

The Church Advertising Association, aiming to affiliate all the religious bodies in its work of effectively presenting the claims of church services to the community, is progressing in its organization. Officers have been chosen and a representative Board of Directors selected. The Rev. Edward J. McHenry has been invited to act for our Church on this Board and has accepted. The Association deserves the support of all of us.

On the Monday afternoons of Lent, at three o'clock, the Rev. Stuart L. Tyson delivered at Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, a course of lectures on St. Paul. The large attendance gave evidence of the appreciation in which Mr. Tyson is held as a Biblical interpreter of unusual gifts.

Among the Sunday evening preachers in Grace Church, New York, during the Lenten season was the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.

A service in the interest of the Boy Scouts was held Sunday afternoon, February 11th, in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown. About forty representatives of troops in other parts of Montgomery County were in attendance in addition to the local troop. The address was made by the Rev. Nath. B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.

The Rev. Guy Herbert Madara, who as a layman has served a term as missionary in Alaska, and is at present a student in the Philadelphia Divinity School, was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Rowe in St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Pa., the parish in which he was reared, the Rev. Jules L. Prevost, D.D., of this diocese reading the Gospel and joining in the laying on of hands. The date of the Ordination was Friday, March 2d. After the completion of his studies Mr. Madara expects to resume his work in Alaska.

The Rev. H. M. G. Huff has become minister in charge of the Church of the Transfiguration, West Philadelphia, pending the selection of a rector in succession to the Rev. Dr. Yerkes.

A mass meeting in the interests of our missions in Latin America has been arranged for Monday evening, April 23rd, in Witherspoon Hall. A notable set of slides illustrating the course which the Mission Study Classes have been following this season will be shown, with a descriptive talk. A feature of interest will be the presentation of personal messages from the field. The meeting is announced for 8.15 P. M. It is hoped that there will be a very large attendance.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed Streets, has been selected as headquarters for an aggressive work which is to be done on behalf of the Jewish population in South Philadelphia. Mr. John L. Zacker, an experienced worker is in charge. A monthly "prayer conference for the Friends of Israel" has been established for the discussion of the many phases of church work among the Jews. At the first of these services on the 7th of March a Jewish mother and her four children were baptized.

The Sunday-school Superintendents' Association of the Diocese held its monthly meeting Thursday, March 16th, at the Church of the Holy Apostles, when about 50 members took supper together and afterwards were addressed by Mr. H. H. Pike, Superintendent of St. George's Sunday-school, New York City on the subject, "The 'Teen Age Question." A general discussion followed. The next meeting is to be held in St. Matthew's Church, Eighteenth Street and Girard Avenue, April 26th. The association has under consideration the advisability of forming a class for men to be trained to be efficient superintendents of our Sunday-schools.

The Rev. Edgar L. Sanford conducted a mid-Lent Mission at All Saints', Darby, with encouraging results. The work among men in this Mission is particularly noteworthy.

Bishop Beecher, of Western Nebraska, has been taking the Confirmation appointments in March of Bishop Rhinelander. Our Bishop expects to resume his work in the diocese with the Holy Week appointments.

The new Altar and Reredos of St. Michael's Chapel of St. Mark's parish, are at last a reality. For over six months we have anxiously awaited their arrival from Italy, fearful lest they should never reach this side of the Atlantic safely. But now all our fears are past, and St. Michael's Chapel has been enriched with an Altar as near worthy of the great Service which will be conducted there as the workmanship of man can make it.

The Altar and Reredos are of white marble, of a rather severe Norman design, but enriched with bands and figures of colored mosaics. In the centre stands a life-size marble statue of our Lord, wearing the vestments of a Priest and the breast-plate of the High-Priest with the crown of the King of Heaven and with arms outstretched to draw all men to Him. Behind this statue is a large marble cross, imbedded in gold mosaics. On the Epistle side is a figure of St. Mark, clasping the Gospels and standing on a pedestal upon which is carved the winged lion. St. Michael with sword and shield, resting on a pedestal ornamented with the scales of the Judgment, stands on the Gospel side. Over these marble figures there extends an arch, supported by four graceful columns, having on either side an angel with golden censer, separated by the Dove, representing the Holy Spirit, all in rich colored mosaics.

Immediately behind the Altar are two gradines or steps of marble, ornamented with bands of mosaics. In the centre is the Tabernacle, which has on the front a square placque of mosaics, depicting the chalice and host. The Mensa, or table, is supported by four marble columns with crosses of mosaics in their cappings. Beneath the Mensa is a round placque of mosaics containing the Agnus Dei or Lamb, resting upon the Book of Life, from which extend the Seals of the Seven Churches.

The Sanctuary has been further enriched by having the walls finished in a dull burnished gold, giving the effect of old Spanish leather. A new ceiling has also been erected and made bright with ornamentation of red and blue stripes.

St. Martin's Guild has purchased the new Missal Desk for the Altar. It is of polished brass, with the grape design surrounding a central disk containing the sacred monogram. The desk was given in memory of departed members and was used on Mid-Lent Sunday for the first time.

The Clerical Luncheon and Round Table Conference on Monday, April 16th, in the Club Rooms of the church house, was notable in many ways. The attendance was the record, 125 being seated at the tables with a number coming in later for the speeches. Bishop Rhinelander presided, and it was delightful to see how thoroughly he has recovered from his illness of the winter. The guest of honor was Dr. Hibben, President of Princeton University, who gave a most inspiring address on "The Old World and the New." Through its Chairman, Dr. Montgomery, the Diocesan Committee of "The Clergy Reserve Corps" made a report indicating progress. The clergy also put themselves on record as favoring personal total abstinence during the war, and directed the Bishop to communicate their action to President Wilson.

His many friends in the diocese will rejoice in the encouraging reports received of the slow but steady improvement in the condition of the Rev. J. Thompson Cole, rector of St. Paul's Church, Cheltenham. For some weeks past he has been in a private sanatorium in Washington, D. C., receiving special treatment from an expert physician of that city. Encouragement is given of Mr. Cole's complete recovery in the not far distant future. Meanwhile his Sunday duties are taken by Dean Bartlett, the neighboring clergy sharing in the Lenten services and occasional duties.

Saturday, March 24th, in the afternoon, a goodly company gathered in the parlors of Holy Trinity Rectory and heard an inspiring address on "The Waldenses as Educational Evangelists" delivered by Professor Will S. Monroe, Professor at the State Normal College, Montclair, N. J.

The Parish of the Holy Apostles with Easter will begin the publication of a monthly magazine (to supplement the present weekly Bulletin) with more extended articles and matter of more permanent interest. A cover of unusual beauty has been designed for it by Mr. Walter H. Thomas, the architect. It shows the Mother Church and the Chapels and gives the impression of the corporate strength of the parish.

In succession to the late Rev. Samuel Hart D.D., the Presiding Bishop of the Church (Dr. Tuttle) has appointed the Rev. L. M. Robinson, D.D., Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer of the General Convention. It is a most fitting and deserved recognition of the ability of Dr. Robinson and an honor upon which the whole diocese congratulates him.

The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, is rejoicing in the announcement made of the generous donation of three gifts which will splendidly increase the efficiency of the equipment, viz., a new and much larger organ for the Church, an enclosed stone cloister to connect the church and the parish house, and a side chapel to occupy the present site of the choir room and sacristy. The entire work on them it is said will be done this spring and summer. The same parish reports a most stimulating and inspiring parochial mission preached by two of the priests of the Order of the Holy Cross.

One of the interesting features connected with the annual Presentation Service in Holy Trinity Church, Sunday afternoon, April 29th, will be the awarding of the Banner given by one of the clerical societies of the diocese to the Sunday-school having the largest per capita offering. It is most important that Sunday-school treasurers in making their returns to Mr. George W. Jacobs should carefully specify the exact membership of their school actually contributing to the offering.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 6th, Bishop Beecher, acting for the Bishop of the diocese who was unable because of ill health to be present, formally laid the corner-stone of the new church edifice to be erected for Epiphany Mission, Sherwood. Dean Gilberson and a considerable number of the clergy and a great company of parishioners were present. The proposed structure will be one of the largest and most imposing of the group of six churches in six years undertaken by Bishop Rhinelander at the beginning of his episcopate. The final cost will be about $100,000. The location of the church, Fifty-seventh Street and Baltimore Avenue, is centrally located in a neighborhood which is developing rapidly and where our Mission is doing most admirable work. Mr. Parker and his devoted co-workers are to be congratulated on the prospect of suitable accommodation for worship and work.

The Rev. Robert Norwood, of Canada, conducted a parochial mission at the Church of the Saviour in the early days of March, attracting large congregations by his eloquence and fervor. Besides his ability as a preacher and a poet of unusual merit, Mr. Norwood is a Browning interpreter of distinction. By request, during his stay he gave a Browning Reading in the parlors of Hamilton Court (donated for the occasion) for the benefit of one of the parish organizations. An enthusiastic company filling the large rooms overflowingly were charmed by his sympathetic interpretations. The evening was one of the literary events of the season so far as this city is concerned.

Dr. Stearly, Bishop Suffragan of Newark, conducted the diocesan "Corporate Day of Intercession for the Church" held in St. Mark's, Philadelphia, Tuesday, March 1st. In point of weather the day was about as bad as could be, but notwithstanding the attendance was very large. The addresses of the Bishop, three in number, were most helpful.

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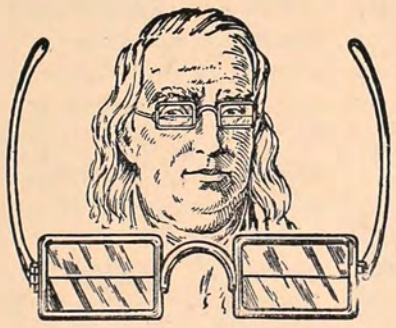

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On Friday evening, February 16th, the Annual Dinner of the Officers and Teachers of the Sunday-school of the Church of the Holy Apostles was held in the Administration Building. At this annual "Get-together" of those concerned with the supervision of the school, and those who do the teaching, suggestions for the promotion of the work are freely offered as well as experiences found helpful in class work. This is followed by the regular weekly meeting of the Teachers' Study Class under the direction of the rector, Dr. Toop.

The Rev. Dr. Yerkes resigned the rectorship of the Church of the Transfiguration at Easter in order that he may give his whole time to his duties at the Divinity School and the University.

The last rites of the Church were said over the remains of the late Mrs. Mary G. Bawn (whose demise in Pekin, China, was chronicled in our February issue), on Saturday the 24th of February. After prayers at her late residence on Oxford Pike, Fox Chase, funeral services were held in Holy Nativity Church, Rockledge (erected by her to the memory of her former husband, Mr. Robert W. Ryerss), Bishop Garland officiating, assisted by the Rev. John R. Harding, rector of St. Mark's, Frankford, where Dr. Bawn is assisting, and the Rev. F. H. Argo.

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An altar, for which the rector and congregation of St. Michael's Chapel of St. Mark's Parish have been waiting anxiously for six months, has been received and was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, March 18th. Fears were entertained for the safety of the altar, since it was executed in Italy, and has been on the sea for some time. The altar and reredos are of white marble, of a rather severe Norman design, but enriched with bands and figures of colored mosaics. In the center stands a life-size marble statue of our Lord, wearing the vestments of a priest and the breast-plate of the high-priest, with the crown of the King of Heaven and with arms outstretched to draw all men unto Him. Behind this statue is a large marble cross, imbedded in gold mosaics. On the epistle side is a figure of St. Mark, clasping the gospels and standing on a pedestal upon which is carved the winged lion. St. Michael, with sword and shield, resting on a pedestal ornamented with the scales of the Judgment, stands on the gospel side. Over these marble figures there extends an arch, supported by four graceful columns, having on either side an angel with golden censer, separated by the dove representing the Holy Spirit, all in rich-colored mosaics.

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The sanctuary has been further enriched by having the walls finished in burnished gold, giving the effect of old Spanish leather. A new ceiling has also been erected and made bright with ornamentation of red and blue stripes.

The wardens and vestry of historic old Christ Church, meeting with the rector, the Rev. Louis C. Washburn, have pledged their loyal support to the Government and offered the church building for such purpose as may seem best fitted to aid the national cause. The highly patriotic minute adopted by the meeting follows:

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The Executive Committee of the Chapel of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, Pa., learning of the patriotic stand of the Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, be it resolved:

First: That we cordially endorse their high loyalty to the President and Congress of the United States as sustaining the noblest traditions of the Church in America.

Secondly: That we pledge ourselves to do our utmost in the merciful work of the Church whenever we are called upon.

Thirdly: In order that there may be evidence of our intention to uphold the Bishops' hands, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop Suffragan, and THE CHURCH NEWS.

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The will of the late Mrs. Nannie D. Connaroe, recently probated, disposes of a large estate, over a quarter of a million of dollars being given to churches and charities. Among the bequests to churches and institutions of this diocese are the following: $20,000 to St. Peter's Church (Third and Pine); $10,500 to St. James the Less, Falls of the Schuylkill; $30,000 to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children; $10,000 each to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society and to the Bishop White Parish Library Association.

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The parish of the Church of the Holy Apostles has supplemented its weekly Bulletin of Announcements with the publication of a parish magazine, the initial number of which made its appearance early in April. Judging by Vol. I, No. 1 The Monthly Message will easily take place with the very best of such publications in our Church and does credit to a parish of the size and traditions of the Holy Apostles. Practical instruction on really vital points is to be a feature of each issue.

One of the largest companies present at the Clerical Luncheons and Round Table Conferences was present on the first Monday in March. Bishop Rhinelander presided and the guest of honor was Dean Fosbrooke, of the General Theological Seminary. His scholarly and illuminating address was greatly enjoyed by all present. It was decided that the next of these luncheons should be on Easter Monday, the 9th of April. Their usefulness is becoming increasingly apparent.

Saturday, January 27th, occurred the death of Miss Elizabeth Swift, a devout communicant of All Saints' Church, Norristown, at an advanced age. Possessed of large means and a most liberal nature, she has been the "Lady Bountiful" of All Saints'. From its inception every stage of its progress is the monument of her thoughtful and constant liberality. The church, parish house and rectory were built and beautified largely by her gifts. She was most generous in its support and genuinely interested in every department of its activities. Her public and private charities were widespread and almost her last request was that provision might be made for some needy families in which she was particularly interested. Appropriate resolutions passed by the vestry will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, February 13th, Bishop Garland unveiled in the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia, the new window, representing Christ as the Beloved Physician healing the sick, which has been placed as a Memorial of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Yarrow.

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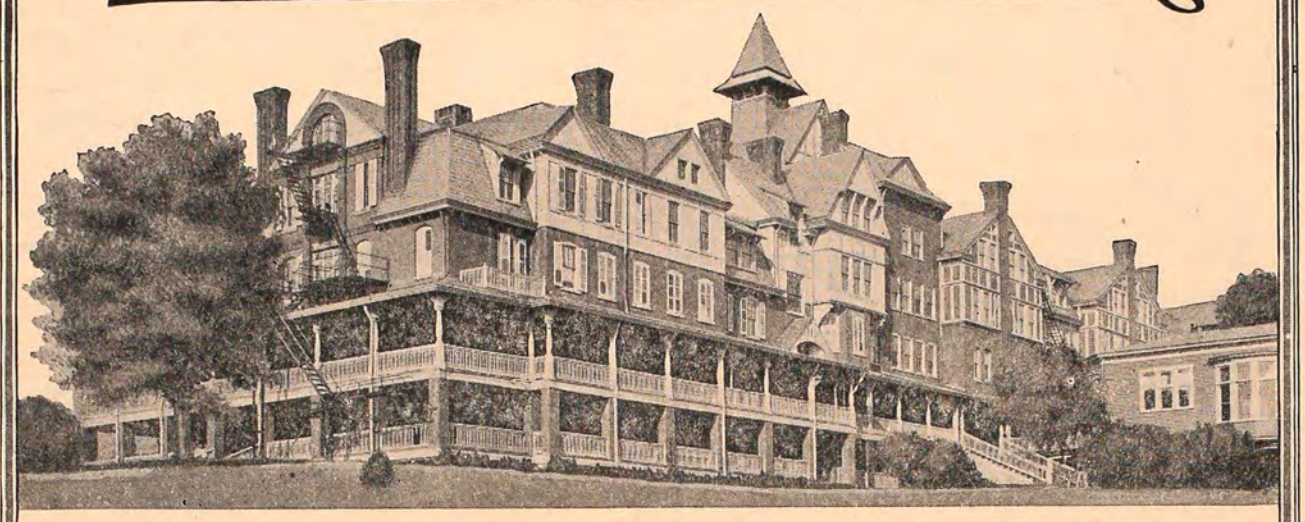

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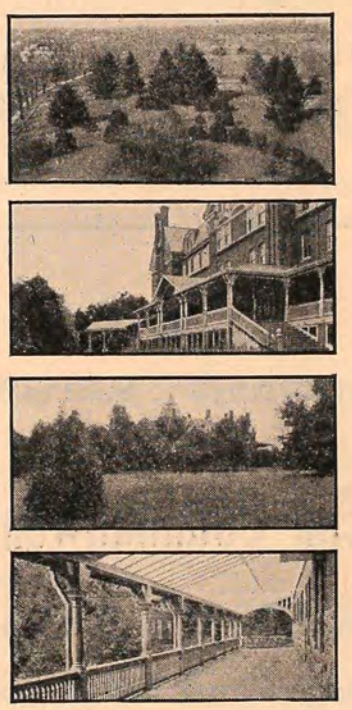

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